

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of producing a polarizing plate,
comprising the step of laminating a pair of curled protective
sheets onto opposite surfaces of a polarizer respectively so
5 that respective curling directions of said pair of curled
protective sheets are reverse to each other.

2. A method of producing a polarizing plate according
to claim 1, wherein said pair of curled protective sheets have
10 a laminating index L of not higher than 60 when the laminating
index L is given by the expression:

$$L = (a - b) / a \times 100$$

in which a and b are quantities of curl in said pair of protective
sheets respectively on the assumption of $a > b$.

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3. A method of producing a polarizing plate according
to claim 1, wherein concave curled surfaces of said pair of
protective sheets are opposed to each other.

20 4. A method of producing a polarizing plate according
to claim 1, wherein concave curled surfaces of said pair of
protective sheets are opposed to each other.

5. A method of producing a polarizing plate according
25 to claim 2, wherein the laminating index L is not higher than

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6. A polarizing plate produced by a method defined in claim 1.

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7. A composite polarizing plate comprising a polarizing plate defined in claim 6 and an optical layer laminated on said polarizing plate.

10 8. An image display device using at least one polarizing plate defined in claim 1.

9. An image display device using at least one composite polarizing plate defined in claim 7.

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10. A polarizing plate comprising a polarizer, and a pair of protective sheets laminated onto opposite surfaces of said polarizer respectively, wherein curling directions of said pair of protective sheets are reverse to each other when said pair of protective sheets are separated from said polarizing plate.

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11. A composite polarizing plate comprising a polarizing plate defined in claim 10 and an optical layer laminated on said polarizing plate.

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12. An image display device using at least one polarizing plate defined in 10.

13. An image display device using at least one composite
5 polarizing plate defined in claim 11.